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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO AMEMBASSY BANGUI NIACT IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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TAGS: PARM PFOR VS VN

SUBJECT: "PRG" ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE

REF: A. GENEVA 650 (NOTAL)

B. STATE 23914

C. MONROVIA 680

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1. REF A IS REPORT FROM GENEVA LISTING LIKELY VOTING PATTERNS FOR

PROCEDURAL VOTE ON ADMISSION OF "PRG" TO LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE WHICH INDICATES VOTE PROBABLY VERY CLOSE. HOST COUNTRIES OF ACTION ADDRESSEES PLUS MONROVIA (AMONG OTHERS) ARE LISTED IN THIS TALLY AS "DEFINITELY OR PROBABLY ABSTAINING". IN ACCORDANCE TELCON WITH EA/VN AND IN ORDER TO TAKE TIMELY FOLLOW-UP ACTION IN VIEW FACT VOTE MAY TAKE PLACE BY EARLY AFTERNOON FEB 4 GENEVA TIME, EMBASSY SAIGON IS SENDING THIS MESSAGE TO ALERT ADDRESSEES TO PRESENT SITUATION AND TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE ACTIONS.

2. IT IS SURPRISING THAT ARGENTINA, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, LIBERIA AND MEXICO ARE LISTED AS ABSTAINING IN VIEW PREVIOUS REPORTS THEY OPPOSE "PRG" ADMISSION. PROBLEM WITH MONROVIA MAY JUST BE QUESTION OF TIMELY INSTRUCTIONS WHICH EMBASSY MONROVIA IS ALREADY FOLLOWING CLOSELY PER REF C. IN OTHER THREE CASES SUGGEST EMBASSY CONTACT FOREIGN MINISTRIES EARLY FEB 4 ALONG LINES REF B IN ATTEMPT TO ENSURE DELEGATIONS ARE APPROPRIATELY AND URGENTLY INSTRUCTED.

3. AS FOR OTHER ACTION ADDRESSEES, PAST REPORTING DOES NOT INDICATE FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE BY HOST GOVERNMENTS ON PROCEDURAL ISSUE AND WE HOPE EMBASSIES WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE MATTER PER REF B.

4. FOR BANGUI AND MONROVIA: MFA IS ENDEAVORING TO CONTACT AMBASSADOR VIEN AND AMBASSADOR TRAN DIRECTLY BUT ALSO REQUESTS EMBASSIES TO ALERT GVN REPS TO FOREGOING FOR ANY ACTION THEY MAY WISH TO UNDERTAKE.

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